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The ADOT Public Transportation Division (PTD) is pleased to announce the availability of Federal Transit Administration Funds under the Section 5311 Rural Transit Program. PTD is making these funds available for the provision of general public transit services in rural communities with population of 50,000 or less. These funds will be available for the period from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. Eligible applicants include cities, towns, counties, Indian Tribes and other general public transit providers.

Those who participate in local and regional transportation planning efforts are the most successful applicants in this program. Private for-profit and private non-profit operators of transit systems may participate in the program directly or through service contracts with eligible recipients. Program funds may be used for operating, administrative and capital assistance.

Following is a list of locations where Sam Chavez, the Section 5311 Public Transit Manager, will be conducting application workshops and a schedule of application milestone dates. The Section 5311 Guidelines and Application, which have undergone major revision, will be available at that time.

This year's application process includes improvements in the program based upon SAFETEA-LU including increased funding and coordination efforts with other providers. Additionally, we will focus on the latest changes to the management of the program, eligibility, funding sources, state and federal requirements, and the grant application process. We will emphasize how communities can combine these dollars most effectively and leverage them together with other local resources to build a successful Rural Transit System.

It is important to attend one of these workshops if you plan to submit an application for funding for FY 2006/07. If you plan to submit an application for the first time, I recommend you discuss your interest with Sam prior to submitting an application. His phone number is (602) 712-7465 or email at [schavez@azdot.gov](mailto:schavez@azdot.gov). He can provide additional assistance and information on eligibility and requirements as well as the application process.

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Chavez at (602) 712-7465 or me at (602) 712 8137. And, check out the PTD website at [www.azdot.gov/ptd](http://www.azdot.gov/ptd) for more information!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Jim Dickey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Dickey  
Director, Public Transportation Division  
ADOT



*APPLICATION WORKSHOP SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS*

**January 10, 2006      10 a.m.**  
**Pima County Public Works Building (9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room)**  
**201 N. Stone Ave.**  
**Tucson, AZ**

**January 11, 2006      1 p.m.**  
**Arizona Department of Transportation**  
**Transportation Planning Conference Room (3rd floor conference room)**  
**206 S. 17 Ave.**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

**January 12, 2006      1 p.m.**  
**Bullhead City Public Works Building**  
**1285 Alonas Way**  
**Bullhead City, AZ**

**January 13, 2006      1 p.m.**  
**Department of Transportation District Office**  
**1801 S. Milton Rd**  
**Flagstaff, Arizona**

*APPLICATION SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)*

TA 5311 Budget Authorization Amount	January 2006
Guidelines / Application Distribution	January 2006
Applicants Conference Workshops	January 2006
Application Deadline	February 20, 2006
ADOT Staff Review and Comments	February, 2006
Comments due from COGs	March, 2006
Review Panel Interviews	March, 2006
Budget Negotiation Meetings	April, 2006
Deadline for Budget Modifications	April, 2006
Budget Application due to FTA	June, 2006
ADOT notify Applicants of status	June, 2006
Mail Contracts to Applicants	June, 2006
Pre-Award Audits (if applicable)	July, 2006
Contract must be signed by Secretary of State no later than	September 30, 2006
Project Start-Up	October 1, 2006

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